

KULIOUOU / HAWAIILOA RIDGE

Note to Mountain Bikers: Always yield to hikers, and do not slide around corners or slide down the trail - this damages the trail and causes erosion. If accidents are reported or damage to the trail is extreme, the trail will be closed to mountain bikes.

Getting There: From Kalanianaʻole Highway, take Elelupe Street or Kuliouou Street to reach Kuliouou Road. Proceed mauka (toward the mountain) on this road and turn right on Kalaʻau Place continuing to the end of the street at the cul-de-sac. Park at the end of the cul-de-sac and walk past the board of water supply chain gate.

1. Hawaiiiloa Ridge (2.0 mi / 3.2 km)

Getting There: Proceed on Kalanianaʻole Highway past Aina Haina. Turn left at Puuikena Drive. Stop at the security guard station. Here you must sign a waiver of liability. An ID is required. Proceed past the security guard station on Puuikena Drive approximately 1.5 miles. Park at the parking lot next to the Board of Water Supply water tank. The trail begins on the ridge.

Route: The trail follows the ridge to the summit. The beginning 2/3 of the trail traverses through a dry type forest of ulei, ilima and waiawi. The last 1/3 of the trail is through a mix of ohia/koa type forest. This trail should be attempted by **EXPERIENCED HIKERS ONLY**. The trail is **not** maintained by the Division and therefore you may have to bushwack your way through sections of the trail.

Other: The Hawaiiiloa Community Association has been more than cooperative in letting hikers and hunters onto State land through their property. Please abide by all rules and regulations of the association. The trail traverses through a public hunting area. Caution should be exercised when hiking.

2. Kuliouou Valley (0.6 mi / 1 km)

Route: The valley trail starts on the right at the hunter check-in station just past the board of water supply cable gate and contours above the right-hand side of the valley streambed. The trail ends near the head of the valley, return is by the same route.


3. Kuliouou Ridge (2.5 mi / 4 km)

Route: The trailhead to the ridge trail begins about 0.2 miles in on the valley trail, and proceeds to the right up the ridge. This trail continues to climb, and approximately two-thirds of the way up there is a trail shelter with two picnic tables. From this point the trail just follows the ridge, is only occasionally maintained, and may be difficult for inexperienced hikers. The trail ends at the summit. Return is by the same route.

Other: These trails traverse through an assortment of exotic vegetation typical of arid areas: klu, Christmas Berry, haole koa, kiawe, guava and logwood. The ridge trail contains ironwood, Norfolk pine and near the summit a mixed Oʻhia-ulue forest. Caution should be exercised on this trail as it also serves as a public hunting area.

EAST HONOLULU - KULIOUOU AREA

1. Hawaiiioa Ridge Trail 2.0 mi / 3.2 km
2. Kulioouou Valley Trail 0.6 mi / .96 km
3. Kulioouou Ridge Trail 2.5 mi / 4.0 km

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